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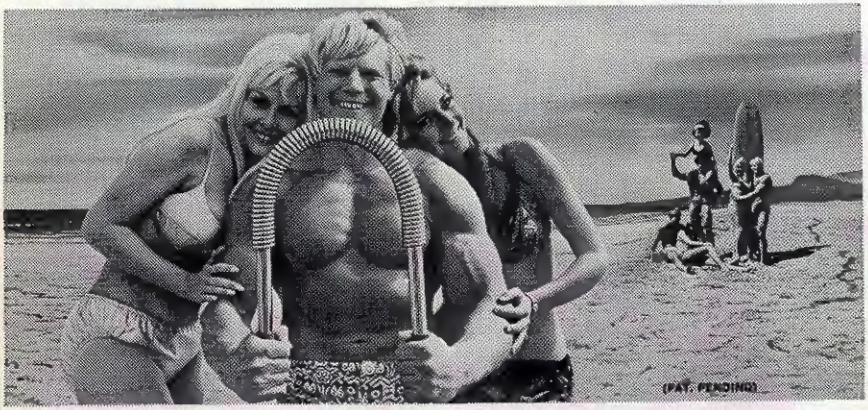

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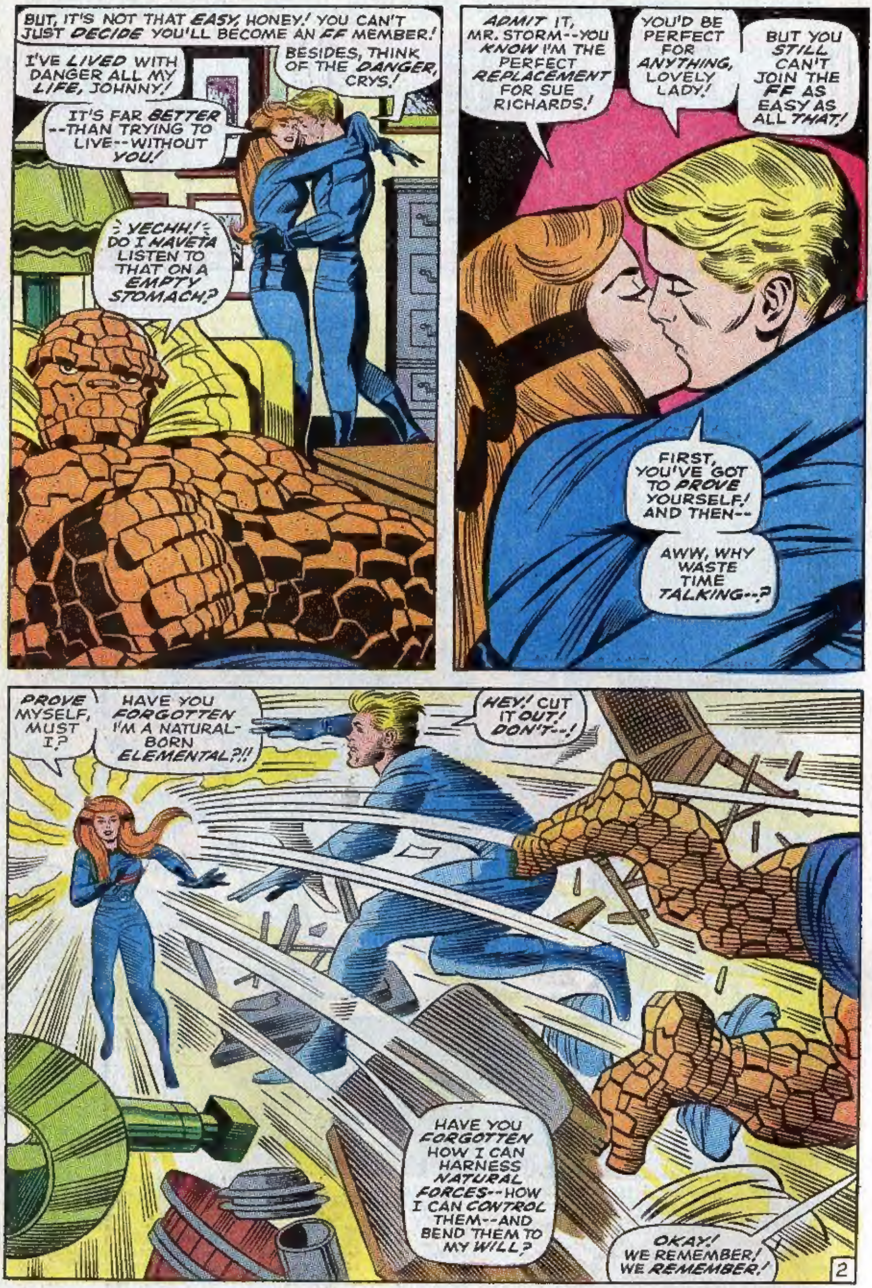
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BESIDES, THINK OF THE DANGER, CRYS!
I'VE LIVED WITH DANGER ALL MY LIFE, JOHNNY!
IT'S FAR BETTER --THAN TRYING TO LIVE--WITHOUT YOU!
YECHH! DO I HAVETA LISTEN TO THAT ON A EMPTY STOMACH?
ADMIT IT, MR. STORM--YOU KNOW I'M THE PERFECT REPLACEMENT FOR SUE RICHARDS!
YOU'D BE PERFECT FOR ANYTHING, LOVELY LADY!
BUT YOU STILL CAN'T JOIN THE FF AS EASY AS ALL THAT!
FIRST, YOU'VE GOT TO PROVE YOURSELF! AND THEN--
AWW, WHY WASTE TIME TALKING--?
PROVE MYSELF, MUST I?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN I'M A NATURAL-BORN ELEMENTAL?!!
HEY! CUT IT OUT! DON'T--!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW I CAN HARNESS NATURAL FORCES--HOW I CAN CONTROL THEM--AND BEND THEM TO MY WILL?
OKAY! WE REMEMBER! WE REMEMBER!
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BUT--YOU'RE JUST A CHILD, CRYSTAL-- AND THE JOB IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS ON EARTH!
I'M NO YOUNGER THAN SUE HERSELF WAS--WHEN YOUR TEAM WAS FIRST FORMED!
AND, I'VE POSSESSED MY POWER ALL MY LIFE! I WON'T HAVE TO LEARN FROM SCRATCH!
I'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT!
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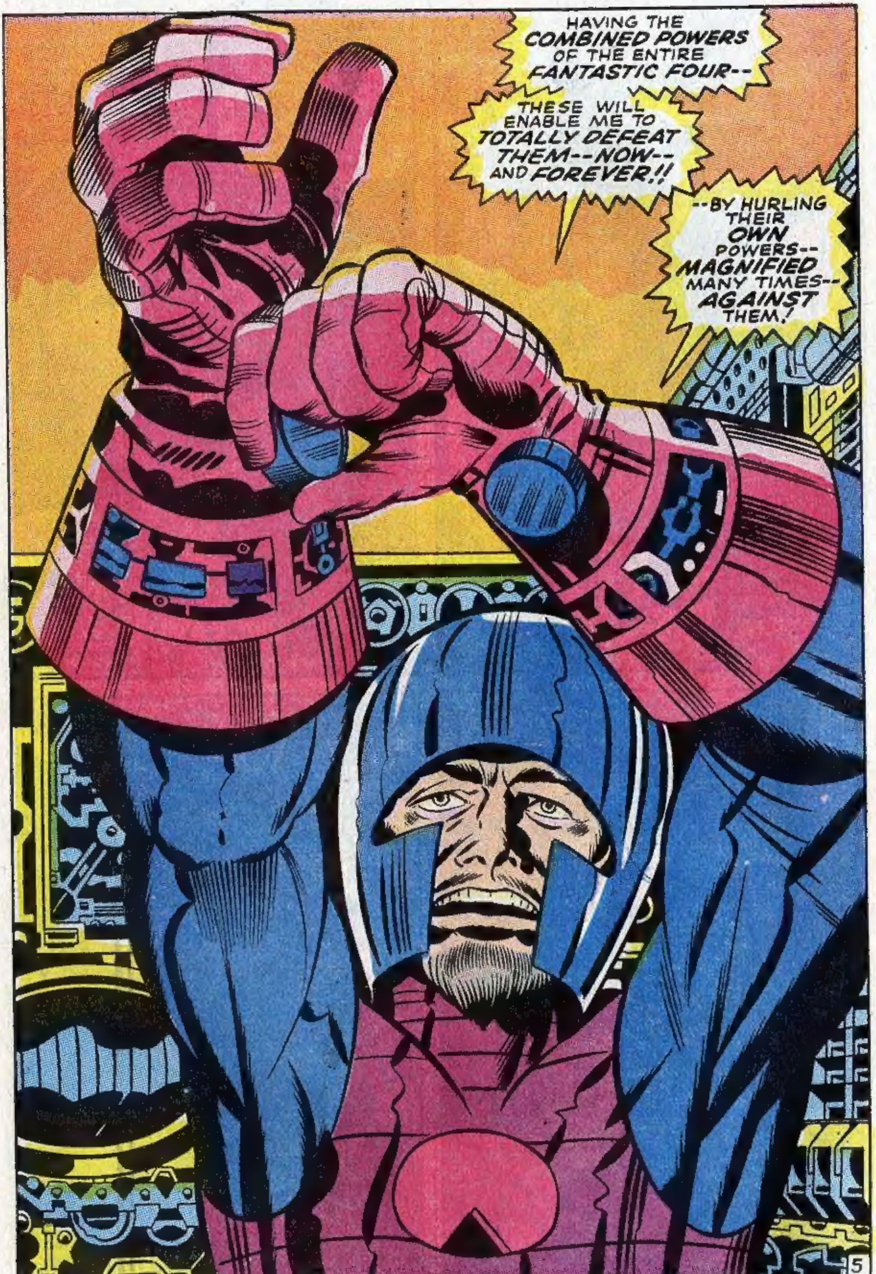
WHEREAS MY ORIGINAL PAIR MADE ME THE EQUAL OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR-- THESE WILL DO STILL MORE--!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THESE WILL ENABLE ME TO TOTALLY DEFEAT THEM--NOW--AND FOREVER!!
--BY HURLING THEIR OWN POWERS--MAGNIFIED MANY TIMES--AGAINST THEM!
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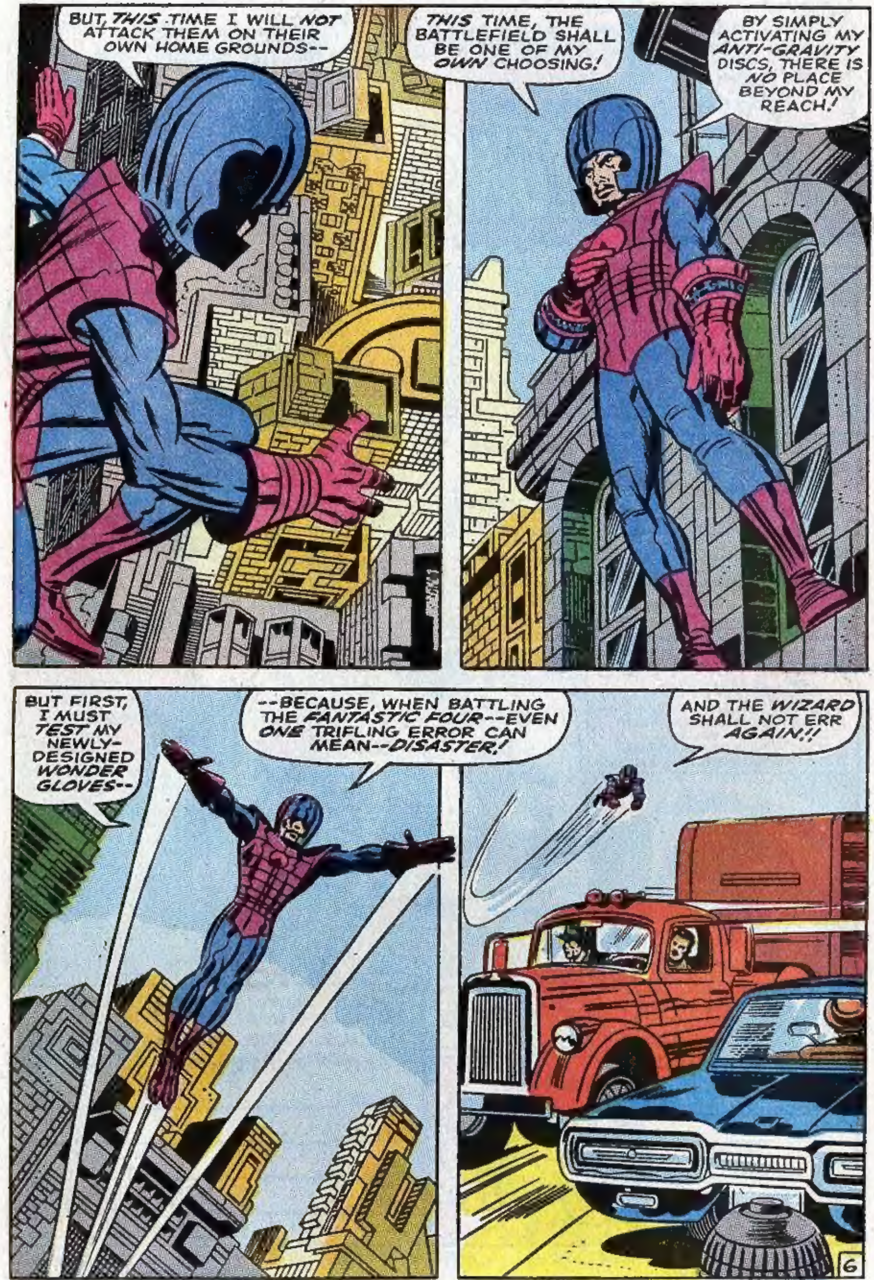

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AND, I NEED NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE INVISIBLE GIRL--SINCE SHE HAS FORSAKEN HER MISSION--IN THE NAME OF MOTHERHOOD!
AND STRIKE I SHALL!
THEREFORE, NOTHING REMAINS TO BE DONE--EXCEPT STRIKE!
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REED!! ELECTRO-WAVES--DESTROYING THE OLD WONDER GLOVES WE CAPTURED FROM THE WIZARD!
HE THREATENED TO ATTACK ANEW--WITH A DEADLIER PAIR--AND HE'S DOING IT!
HOW MANY TIMES ARE WE GONNA HAVETA LICK THAT CREEP?
DON'T PANIC!!
IT'S JUST HIS WAY OF MAKING SURE WE CAN'T USE HIS EARLIER GLOVES AGAINST HIM!
THE GLOVES--ARE GONE!
IT WAS A CHALLENGE--LIKE THROWING A GAUNTLET!
HE EXPECTS US TO GO AFTER HIM!
HEY, JUNIOR! WAIT UP FER US!
AND LET HIM GET AWAY? FORGET IT!!
FLAME ON!
JOHNNY--WAIT! YOU'RE PLAYING RIGHT INTO HIS HANDS!
MAYBE SO! BUT THEY'LL BE PRETTY SCORCHED WHEN I'M ALL THRU WITH THEM!
THERE HE IS--BELOW ME! --NOT EVEN TRYING TO HIDE!
BUT HE'LL SOON WISH HE HAD!
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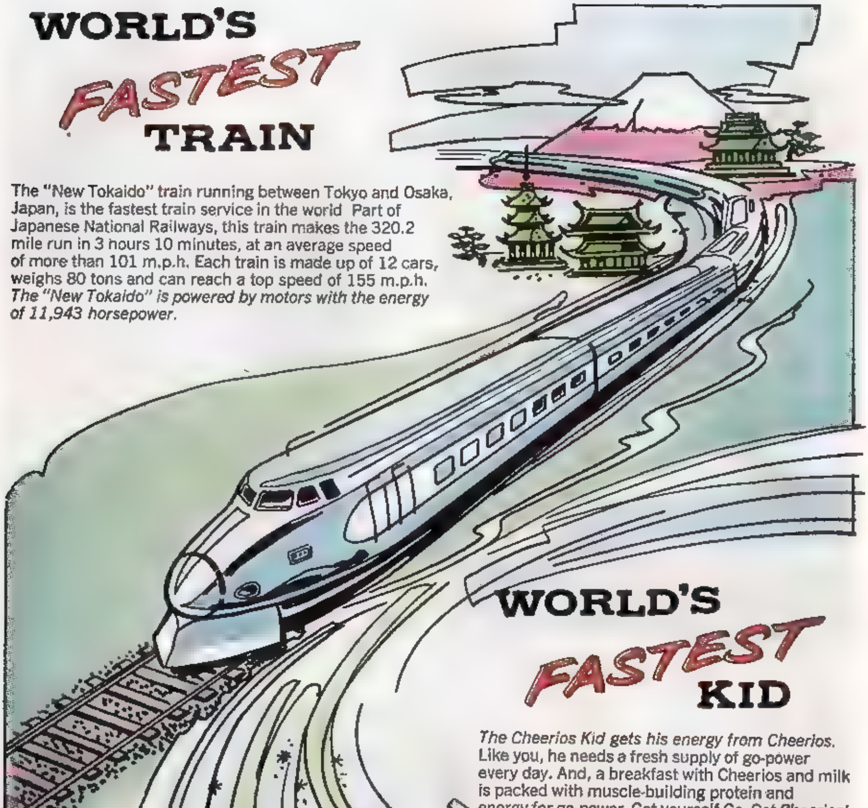
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AND NOW, YOU FLAMING FREAK-- IT'S MY TURN!!
SKRAK!
AT LAST THE HUMAN TORCH HAS MET HIS MASTER!
COMING AT ME-- LIKE A MISSILE!
HAVE TO MELT IT WITH ONE BULLS-EYE FLAME BLAST--!
WON'T HAVE TIME FOR A SECOND CHANCE!
GOT IT!
AND NOW, YOU CRUMMY-- HUH??
I DON'T GET IT! HE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO!
BUT NOW-- HE'S NOWHERE IN SIGHT!
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT-- COMING AROUND THE CORNER--??!
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LOOK, STRETCHO-- THERE HE IS!
JOHNNY WOULD NEVER WASTE TIME IN IDLE FLIGHT! HE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY SEARCHING FOR THE ELUSIVE WIZARD!
IZZAT ALL THE KID HAS TO DO--FLY AROUND SMOKIN' UP THE JOINT?
THE FAULT IS MINE, MR. GRIMM! I SHOULD NOT ALLOW MY EMOTIONS TO INTERFERE WITH THE TASK AT HAND!
LOOK, KID-- YA GOTTA LEARN TO IGNORE THE NUTTY THINGS I SAY--LIKE EVERYONE ELSE DOES!
HECK! I'M THAT HOTHEAD'S BIGGEST FAN!
HEADS UP! THE TORCH IS SIGNAL-LING!
HE'S TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING!
HANG ON! I'M SHOVING THE FANTASTI-CAR GEARS INTO MAXIMUM MANEUVERABILITY POSITION!--BE SURE YOU'RE ALL BUCKLED UP!
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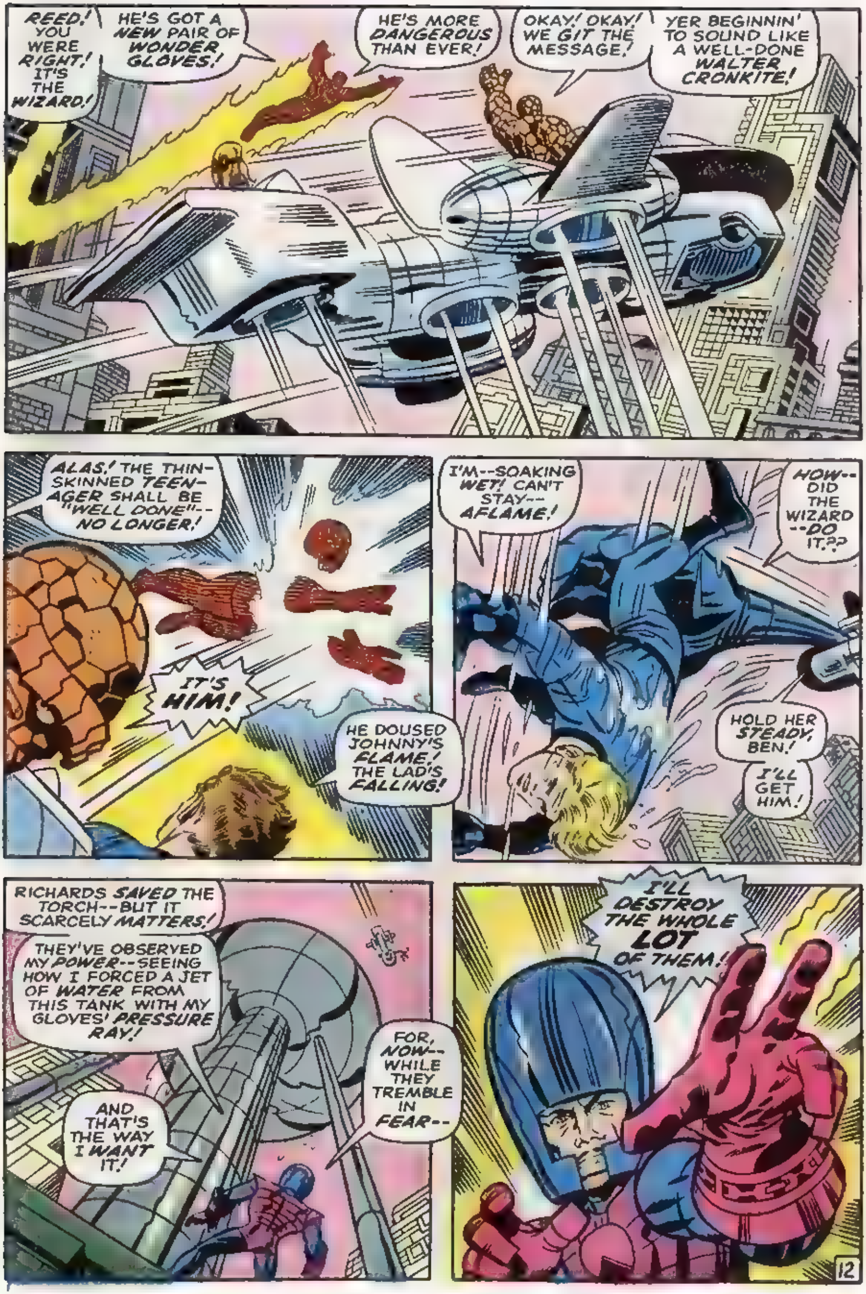

REED! YOU WERE RIGHT! IT'S THE WIZARD!
HE'S GOT A NEW PAIR OF WONDER GLOVES!
HE'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER!
OKAY! OKAY! WE GIT THE MESSAGE!
YER BEGINNIN' TO SOUND LIKE A WELL-DONE WALTER CRONKITE!
ALAS! THE THIN-SKINNED TEEN-AGER SHALL BE "WELL DONE"--NO LONGER!
IT'S HIM!
HE DOUSED JOHNNY'S FLAME! THE LAD'S FALLING!
I'M--SOAKING WET! CAN'T STAY--AFLAME!
HOW--DID THE WIZARD--DO IT??
HOLD HER STEADY, BEN!
I'LL GET HIM!
RICHARDS SAVED THE TORCH--BUT IT SCARCELY MATTERS!
THEY'VE OBSERVED MY POWER--SEEING HOW I FORCED A JET OF WATER FROM THIS TANK WITH MY GLOVES' PRESSURE RAY!
AND THAT'S THE WAY I WANT IT!
FOR, NOW--WHILE THEY TREMBLE IN FEAR--
I'LL DESTROY THE WHOLE LOT OF THEM!
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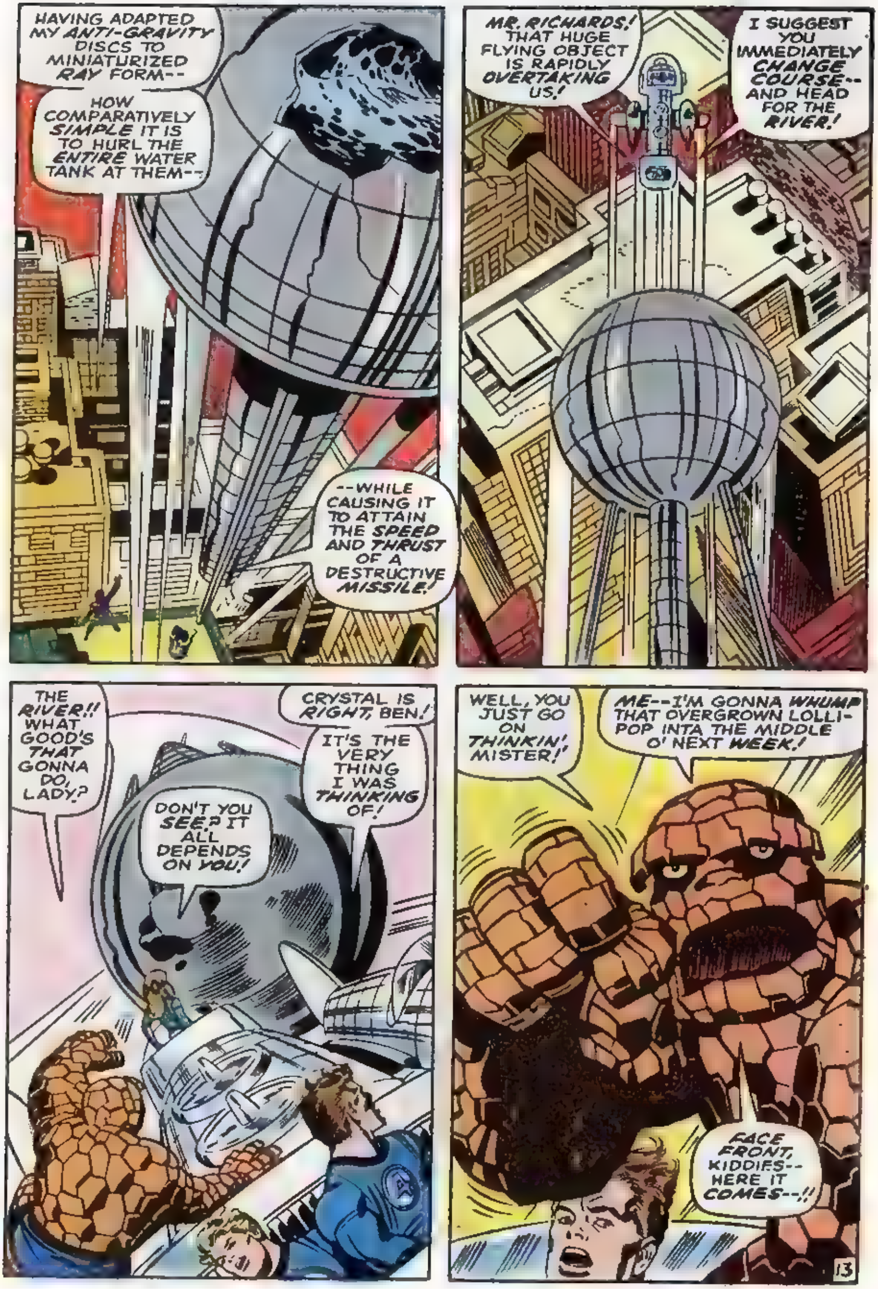
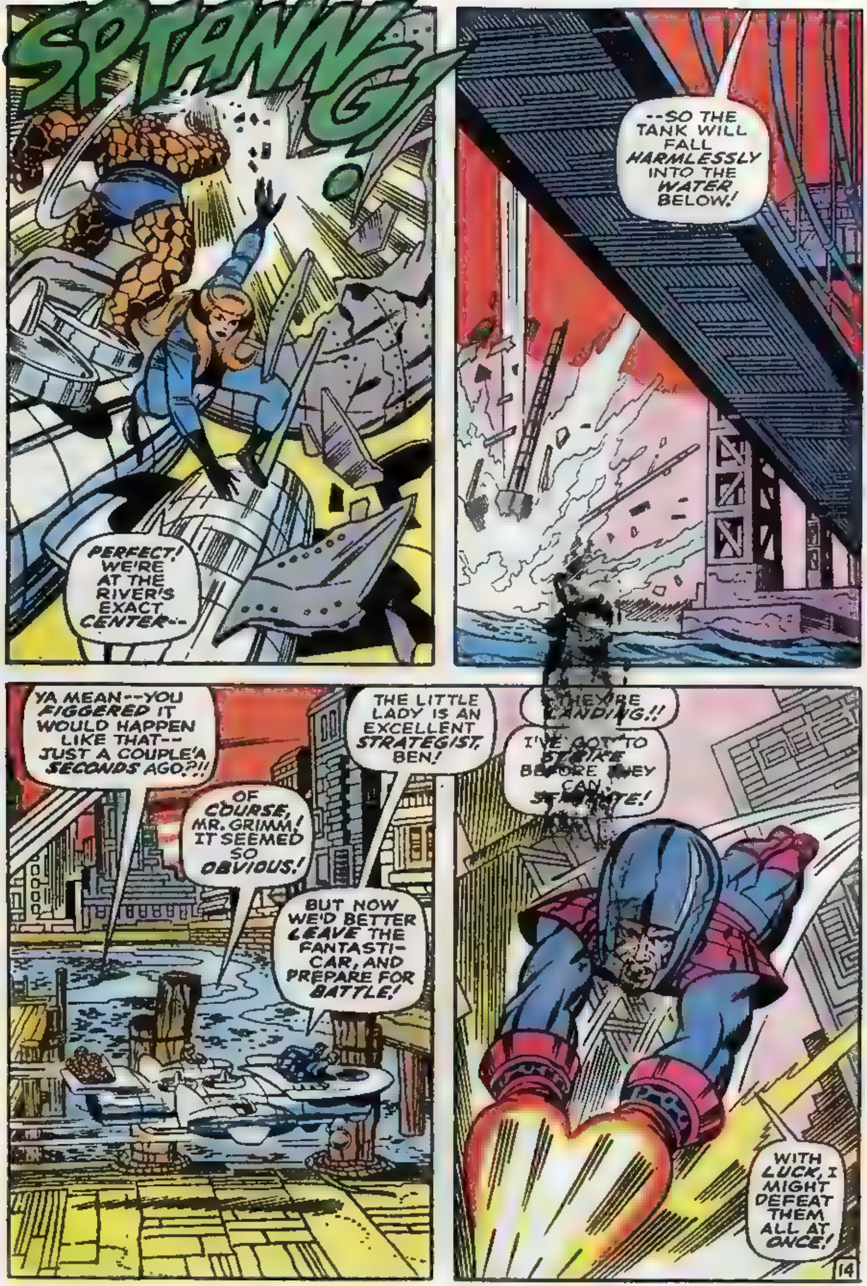

HAVING ADAPTED MY ANTI-GRAVITY DISCS TO MINIATURIZED RAY FORM--
HOW COMPARATIVELY SIMPLE IT IS TO HURL THE ENTIRE WATER TANK AT THEM--
--WHILE CAUSING IT TO ATTAIN THE SPEED AND THRUST OF A DESTRUCTIVE MISSILE!
MR. RICHARDS! THAT HUGE FLYING OBJECT IS RAPIDLY OVERTAKING US!
I SUGGEST YOU IMMEDIATELY CHANGE COURSE-- AND HEAD FOR THE RIVER!
THE RIVER!! WHAT GOOD'S THAT GONNA DO, LADY?
CRYSTAL IS RIGHT, BEN!
IT'S THE VERY THING I WAS THINKING OF!
DON'T YOU SEE? IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU!
WELL, YOU JUST GO ON THINKIN', MISTER!
ME--I'M GONNA WHUMP THAT OVERGROWN LOLLI-POP INTA THE MIDDLE O' NEXT WEEK!
FACE FRONT, KIDDIES-- HERE IT COMES--!!


SPTANNG!
PERFECT! WE'RE AT THE RIVER'S EXACT CENTER--
--SO THE TANK WILL FALL HARMLESSLY INTO THE WATER BELOW!
YA MEAN--YOU FIGGERED IT WOULD HAPPEN LIKE THAT--JUST A COUPLE'A SECONDS AGO?!!
OF COURSE, MR. GRIMM! IT SEEMED SO OBVIOUS!
THE LITTLE LADY IS AN EXCELLENT STRATEGIST, BEN!
BUT NOW WE'D BETTER LEAVE THE FANTASTI-CAR, AND PREPARE FOR BATTLE!
THEY'RE LANDING!!
I'VE GOT TO STRIKE BEFORE THEY CAN SEPARATE!
WITH LUCK, I MIGHT DEFEAT THEM ALL AT ONCE!
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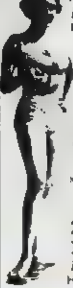

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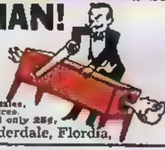

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NUTS! THIS WUZ ALMOST TOO EASY FER A HOTSHOT LIKE ME!
FTOK!
HIS HELMET SAVED HIM FROM SERIOUS INJURY--AS WE KNEW IT WOULD--
BUT I SUSPECT HE'LL BE SOMEWHAT LESS BELLIGERENT AFTER THIS!
HEY-- LOOK! THE CRUMB-BUM HIT THE DRINK!
STAND CLEAR! I'LL SEE IF I CAN REACH HIM!
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I'M IN LUCK! THE WATER REVIVED ME--JUST IN TIME!
AND MY GLOVES WILL WHISK ME TO SAFETY--
--BEFORE THEY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!
THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM DOWN THERE!
I DON'T GET IT!
HIS BLASTED HELMET WOULD'A KEPT 'IM FROM DROWNIN'!
HE DIDN'T DROWN! HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE!
AND I FEAR THAT MEANS--WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF HIM!
MR. RICHARDS, NOW THAT THE DANGER IS PAST--I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR WEARING THIS COSTUME WITHOUT PERMISSION!
YES, YOUNG LADY--I BELIEVE AN APOLOGY IS IN ORDER--
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I MOST WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO THE ROLLICKING RANKS OF THE FABULOUS FREE-WHEELING FANTASTIC FOUR!
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Fantastic Four Fan Page

Send letters to: LEE and KIRBY
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Dear Stan, Jack, and Joe,

Grr! I am boiling mad! Virtually steaming! To think that the world's best comizine creators would accept without question a completely ridiculous explanation like the one Tom Zmudzinski gave in FANTASTIC FOUR #78! He answered Ron Yahne's letter with the most nonsensical double talk I've ever heard. Really! Asbestolene threads, photo-chemical-endo-thermal reactions, and even quasi-volatile-gasio-solid-mentally-dominated-oxygen-rich-plasma! Tom said Johnny's flame doesn't come from his skin but that he creates the flame and "coats" himself with it. Wrong! When Johnny stepped out of the FF's battered, Mars-bound rocket, he burst into flames without even knowing he had his blazing power; therefore, he could not have created this flame and then "coated" himself with it. Since the other FF members had physical changes from the cosmic rays, Johnny probably had some sort of glandular change so that a flammable chemical is released over his body in a process similar to a nervous sweat. Tom also said that Johnny's clothing does not burn up because it is made of asbestolene threads. Wrong again! Reed's, Sue's, and Johnny's uniforms and street clothes are all made of unstable molecules, which react to drastic body changes. You yourselves stated that many issues ago! Tom even stated that Johnny is always fire-proof. Wrong and double wrong! Waaaaayyyy back in FF #32 (I'm an old fan) Clayton Donahue asked, "When the Torch's flame is out, can he be burned by a match?" And you answered "Good question, Clay! Wait a second and we'll find out! Yeeeowwwtch! Yep, he can!" (Sorry, Tom!) Well, howzat for research? By the way, can a goof-spotter win a no-prize for spotting a goof-spotter's goof?

Karl Reif, 910 Edgewater Drive
Amherst, New York 14150

Dear Stan, Jack, and Irving,

I am writing in regard to Evan Katten's letter in FF #78. Sure, a star could give Galactus more energy than 1,000 Earths, but it would also kill him (No, Irving — not because it would give him heartburn!). For example, let's take Stan at dinner. Let's say he has five or six things to eat or drink. Stan, have you ever tried to eat 1,000 or more portions of everything? You'd get sick, right? Might even die, right? Well, it's the same thing with Galactus for years!

Charles Bromley, 110 Swan St.
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Dear Stan and Jack,

In the letters page of issue #78 of the FANTASTIC FOUR a reader asked why Galactus didn't feast on a star instead of a planet like Earth. The reason for this is because Galacus needs the type of energy that can support life. A star does not have this type of life-energy, so it cannot support life. Earth does. The reason Galactus said, "Each star I visit is barren" is because all the heavenly bodies orbiting the stars he visited did not have the energy to support life. Now this does not mean that a planet has to have life on it. It means that the planet Galactus feeds on must be capable of *supporting* life. In #77 the Silver Surfer found planet without life and Galactus fed on it. This is because after the planet was hit by the meteor a chemical reaction caused life-energy to be released from the planet. The planet was now capable of supporting life. There was no life *yet*, but in the future life would exist on that planet. Oh, by the way, FF #78 was fantastic as usual.

Gary Davis, 3084 Brown Rd.
Salem, Oregon 97303

Dear Stan and Jack,

The reading of FANTASTIC FOUR #78 was a true trip into nostalgia for us old FF fans. To begin with, the double date proposed by Johnny (of himself and Crystal with Ben and Alicia) reminded me of the days when Doris was the girl in Torch's life and went with him on such dates. Ben's trying to convince himself that Alicia (whom he first met in FF #8) couldn't go for a "freak" like him has been going on for many years now. The Torch (as in many instances of long ago) decided to show off a little for the "natives" of New York. The belt buckle electronic key (for the FF's private elevator) is an old Reed Richards invention. It was first seen in issue #6, last used in #11, and last mentioned in #12.) When Ben and Johnny were depicted in the FF garage, two almost forgotten machines were introduced. First, the Fantasti-car, which made its initial appearance in FF #3, in a bathtub shape. In Issue #12, the new style was unveiled, and it was last seen in #39, being used as a weapon against the FF by Dr. Doom. Second, the flying saucer, which the FF kept as a souvenir of their adventure on Planet X, in issue #7 Once again, Reed used a monitor to summon the FF to a particular area of their HQ. This time, it was the Monitor Room itself, which we were first admitted to in issue #6. On the monitors were some rooms first shown in issue #3, on the first diagram of the FF's skyscraper headquarters. The last such diagram appeared in the FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL #1. Then, I caught a glimpse of another old FF device, the Pogo Plane, first introduced in issue #3. Next, came the familiar change of the Thing back to Ben Grimm. This feat was once again performed by the fabulous scientific brain of Mr. Fantastic. This was the 13th such change-back since it first happened in issue #2. "13" has again proven to be an unlucky number, as Reed announced that this the the last time this change from Thing to Ben can occur, for if Ben changes back to the Thing, it's permanent. And so, once again, the Thing is faced with a terrible decision; to remain normal or to change back and live the rest of his life as a freak. The reference to Mrs. Richards and her baby made my thoughts wander back to a time when she was known as Miss Sue Storm. At that time, her love was torn between two men: Reed Richards and Prince Namor, the Sub-Mariner. Reed finally edged Namor out and became engaged to Sue in FF #35. In the FF ANNUAL #3, they were married, much to the delight of all in Marveldom! Lastly, you threw in an old villain, the Wizard, who first made the scene in Strange Tales #102, and has plagued the Fantastic Four ever since. About the only thing missing from this "fond memories" issue was the good ole (?) Yancy St. Gang. In closing, here's to you, Stan and Jack, two men who have created a masterpiece in the form of FANTASTIC FOUR #78. This issue adds additional (tho' unnecessary) proof to the already established fact that Marvel is the trend-setter in the comic book industry.

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Dear Stan and Gang,

Knowing the Gang's reputation for producing the greatest, I know that I must expect a few puns. But this was a little too much to put up with. Hidden away in the Mighty Marvel Checklist in Daredevil =43, under the FANTASTIC FOUR heading, was the line "Never has the super-powerful Thing faced a Grimmer problem." I hope that this was not intended, but if it was, it was pretty bad! I must compliment you on the way your characters have, over the years, become more defined both as illustrations and as people. Your greatest triumph was the Thing; every month he looks less and less of the monster from the early FF. Keep up the good work.

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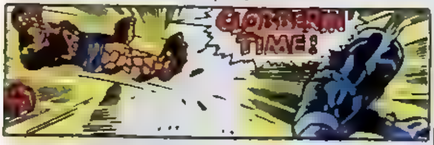

Dear Stan and Jack,

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the title of 'World's Greatest Comic Magazine" is hereby awarded to the Fantastic Four! But, you say, the F.F. has always been the greatest. Not quite, I'm afraid: In the last few years you had lost the one ingredient that had made the F.F. "greatest" in the first place: human interest. But then came F.F. =78 and Ben Grimm emerged as the tragic hero, the Hamlet of Marvel. To do the "right" thing, the "noble" thing, Ben must sentence himself to live out his life as a monster. To be a man, he must betray his best friends and, indirectly, the whole world, which would make him less than a man. I have little doubt what his ultimate decision will be, if only because the F.F. would be nothing without him. But I hope he has a few issues to think it over and enjoy being — only human. But enough of that. Stan, I'm surprised at you! In answer to Evan Katten's letter about why Galactus couldn't eat the energy of any old star or planet, you stated that you had used "dramatic license" in this matter. Dramatic license, indeed! Galactus can no more absorb energy in any form than we can. The grazing animals of Africa, for example, do not eat any kind of grass they come into contact with, but rather each type of animal eats only two or three types of grass, leaving the rest for other species. In the same way, Galactus is able to absorb energy of certain types only, and all planets which do not give off energy of the type required would be useless to him. (This implies that the universe contains a number of "Galactuses" each absorbing energy of different type, and if that isn't an idea for a story, I don't know what is.) But how, you ask, can there be different types of energy? According to the quantum theory, atomic particles (such as electrons) emit energy only in certain discrete bundles, or quanta, and that the energy of such bundles is inversely proportional to the wavelength of the light emitted. But you yourself, Stan, have established the analogy between the atomic world and the astronomic world in the Psycho-Man sagas. Therefore it is only reasonable to assume that the quantum theory (or something like it) applies to planets as well as electrons. That is, the electromagnetic radiation emited by the Earth — as evidenced by any compass — is in quanta and the wavelength is such that Galactus can tune in on it, as we would dial in a radio station. Now that's what you had in mind all the time, isn't it Stan? (In case you're wondering I have a nice no-place all picked out for a you-know-what. 'Nuff said?)

F. James Mohl, 1580 N. Griggs
St. Paul, Minn. 55108

Dear Stan and Jack,

The following letter was composed many months ago when it applied to the being known as the Watcher. I send it to you now to ward off any repetition of your tragic behavior.) No longer may I remain silent. For years I have sadly observed the Bullpen perpetrate its travesty of justice, but now I cry out in protest! I speak of the Watcher — of all he was, and of what he is now. How low you have wrought him! You have caused him to interfere in the affairs of the humans. Need I remind you of the creed of all Watchers as first presented in FANTASTIC FOUR =13? I quote the immortal words. " . . . during all the ages, we have done nothing but watch — NEVER have we interfered! Even when the now-deceased Leader sent the Hulk to the very home of the Watcher to steal the most valuable scientific object in the universe (the globe containing all knowledge), did the Watcher intervene? No! At that dire moment, the omnipotent one did not violate the Prime Directive of the eons. Prior to 1965 there was only one time when the Watcher acted. The unprecedented action (Oh, how far one must go back in the annals of Marveldom to discover this moment!) occurred in the defense of the home planet of this race. And now you have permitted the Watcher to descend to actual involvement in the mundane matters of Earth. Thus, you have committed him to the breach of a code, in the words of the Watcher himself, "older than your entire Galaxy." So what if Galactus destroys our Earth (FF =48-49) or if the Silver Surfer runs rampant about our planet (FF =72). Do not lose your cosmic perspective; Earth is just one small celestial body in a universe of infinite bodies! Oh, by the way, otherwise, you're not doing a bad job!

Marshall Strauss, RFO, TTB, KOF, 691 Humphrey St.
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Dear Stan and Jack,

It is a lovely summer night, and I have decided to congratulate you on one of the finest comic publications in print — THE FANTASTIC FOUR. To say that they are a great team would be such a magnanimous understatement that I dare not say it. I do dare to say that you have never let me down in regard to the FF. I have been reading (and buying) the FANTASTIC FOUR steadily since issue =51, though I was a fairly regular customer long before that. Looking back at ish =51, a feeling of the deepest admiration consumes me. The splash page of Benjie standing in the rain, with nothing but his hang-ups to keep him company, still is in my mind, as it has ever been since I purchased that issue. When I look at such great issues, I say, "Ah, those were the days!" And yet, upon reading issue =78, the same indescribable feeling still consumes me — even more so now. The stark tragedy of the Thing's plight still leaves the readers shocked and moved. The sheer drama of Sue's pregnancy, and its possible complications, underscores the fact that Stan can still display human weaknesses, problems, and emotions better than many contemporary authors. The awesome villainy of the Wizard illustrates that Marvel villains are twice as inventive and colorful as they once were. The FF has become far more than just a comic book. It has become great beyond compare. Its characters are not just interesting to the reader. For, the reader is the characters. Its plots are not merely intriguing any longer. They are intricate. They are realistic. They move. No matter what dangers they have faced or are destined to face, the Fantastic Four will face them with the same innocence, idealism, and exuberance that has made them so . . . fantastic. No matter what befalls, they will remain passionately in love with existence, with this earth. They are more than a team. They are a philosophy. Excelsior! I'm with you all the way!

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Best Combination New and Reprint: MARVEL SUPER-HEROES

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NOTE: One category in this division in which we won no award was: Best Juvenile Humor! In fact, since it was "Juvenile" humor, we're proud to say we didn't even receive a nomination!

BEST PROFESSIONAL WORK:

Best Editor: STAN (The Man) LEE

Best Writer: Smilin' STAN, again! (The second consecutive year in which our leader has won both top professional awards!)

Best Pencil Artist: JACK (King) KIRBY

Best Inker: Joltin' JOE SINNOTT

CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL:

Best Costumed Hero: SPIDEY

Best Non-Super-Powered Character: Ol' NICK FURY.

Best Super-Powered Group: (A) FANTASTIC FOUR, (B) AVENGERS

Best Supporting Character: (A) J. JONAH JAMESON, (B) FOGGY NELSON, (C) JASPER SITWELL

Best Supporting Female: (A) MARY JANE WATSON, (B) GWEN STACY

Best Villain: (A) DR. DOOM (A runaway favorite with over 50% of the total vote!), (B) RED SKULL, (C) YELLOW CLAW

Well, that's it — probably the greatest landslide for any single company in any communications medium in all of history! So, to the countless members of the Society who voted, toiled, and gave selflessly of their time and efforts to make the Convention the success it was, our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation. And, to our various competitors who had to content themselves with the bulk of the also-ran awards, better luck next year. Competition such as this is healthy for everybody, and will force us all to keep on our toes so that in the long run, it is YOU, the reader, who is the real victor — and isn't that the way it should be?

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Let's lay it right on the line. Bigotry and racism are among the deadliest social ills plaguing the world today. But, unlike a team of costumed super-villains, they can't be halted with a punch in the snoot, or a zap from a ray gun. The only way to destroy them is to expose them — to reveal them for the insidious evils they really are. The bigot is an unreasoning hater — one who hates blindly, fanatically, indiscriminately. If his hang-up is black men, he hates ALL black men. If a redhead once offended him, he hates ALL redheads. If some foreigner beat him to a job, he's down on ALL foreigners. He hates people he's never seen — people he's never known — with equal intensity — with equal venom. Now, we're not trying to say it's unreasonable for one human being to bug another. But, although anyone has the right to dislike another individual, it's totally irrational, patently insane to condemn an entire race — to despise an entire nation — to vilify an entire religion. Sooner or later, we must learn to judge each other on our own merits. Sooner or later, if man is ever to be worthy of his destiny, we must fill our hearts with tolerance. For then, and only then, will we be truly worthy of the concept that man was created in the image of God — a God who calls us ALL — His children.

Pax et Justitia,

Stan.

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

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